CARS BLOWN INTO SPLINTERS AND MANY SOLDIERS KILLED.

How the Cuban Insurgents Prevented Reinforcements from Reaching a Beleaguered Force of Spaniards.

WEYLER MOVING WESTWARD

POSITION OF THE REBELS UNDER GOMEZ AND CALIXTO GARCIA.

Latest Story as to How Macco Crossed the Trocha-Continuation of Julio Sanguilly's Trial.

TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 23 .- One of the Cuban leaders here received news from Havana to-night confirming the report recently received of Spanish losses sustained near Santiago and other towns near while attempting to capture the cargo of a filibustering vessel. The Spaniards were routed and they wired to Deschelaino, thirty miles away, for aid. A train was made up there at once with great secrecy, but the watchful Cubans there knew of it and sent word out to a near-by insurgent camp, The track was dynamited as the train came along, the bomb exploding and causing great destruction, four cars being almost blown into splinters. The terrified Spanish soldfers poured out of the wreck only to receive a withering fire from the Cubans concealed behind the road bed. The Spaniards fought bravely for a few moments, but the odds were too much and they fled in all directions, the Cubans purquantity of arms, ammunition and medical supplies. It is reported that the expedition landed all safely and that all the cargoes were taken to Gomez's camp.

SANGUILLY'S TRIAL.

Senor Mesn's Speech in Defense of the

Accused American. HAVANA, Dec. 23 .- The trial of Julio Sanguilly was continued to-day, the United States vice consul general, Mr. Springer, coming in during its progress. Senor Mesa, Sanguilly's attorney, continued his speech for the defense. He asserted that proofs were lacking to sustain the charge of conspiracy and treason. Sanguilly had been arrested, he said, on the order of General Calleia, who only had confidential evidence of Sanguilly's alleged conspiracy. Senor Mesa referred to the official report of the government to show that it has no data as to Sanguilly's implication in the revolt, He cited, in addition, the evidence of the chief of police that he had no knowledge that Sanguilly was engaged in any conspiracy and that he had received no orders to watch him. He pointed out also that all of those arrested had been set free except Sanguilly. Senor Mesa insisted that the reading of Lopez Coloma's declaration was illegal, and that his deposition should have been taken before he was executed. He also argued that the papers and letters which had been found did not prove Sanguilly's complicity in the revolution. The lleged appointment of Sanguilly to a position in the insurgent army by Colonel Azcuy had only incomplete evidence behind it as Colonel Azcuy had swallowed the paper. The handwriting experts, he said, had asserted that papers were written by San-guilly which had not been written by him,

experts was void.

The attorney alluded to the fact that
Sanguilly had not been arrested in the country, but in the city, and that therefore he was not a rebel, but presumably a con-spirator. But this had not been proven, proofs being entirely lacking, only General Calleja's word being offered, who said he had confidential information, which was no evidence. He had offered no facts, but only supposed conversations, which was not said Senor Mesa, "that Sanguilly was chief of the revolution in point of activity. But proofs are lacking. Where are they? No locument exists showing that Sangnilly had any relations with the Cuban Junto in New York nor with the chief who was au-Senor Mesa said that from the proofs submitted at the trial he could not be convinced of Sanguilly's culpability.

and he considered that the evidence of the

NOTES FROM CUBA.

Skirmishes in Various Parts of the Island-Weyler's Whereabouts. HAVANA, Dec. 23 .- The colonel in command of the Pavia Battalion, with the forces under his command, has been engaged at Sao Redondo, near Holquin, province of Santiago de Cuba, with an insurgent force. The Spanish troops de-

nine men wounded Captain General Weyler, according to advices from Pinar del Rio province, went to-day in the direction of San Cristobal by the highway, and it is believed that he will camp to-night at Bayate, on the south

ty-one of the insurgents. The troops had

a lieutenant and four privates killed and

Private advices from the interior represent that the insurgent general, Jose Maria Agirre, who held the chief command of the insurgent forces in Havana province, was mortally wounded in a recent engagement Spanish forces near Campo

The Spanish journalists in Havana are organizing a flying squadron of mounted

volunteers. Senor O'Reilly, military commandant of the town of Guanabacao, opposite Havana, has been replaced by Lieutenant Colonel

The gunboat Baracoa cannonaded a force of insurgents on the coast at Corojal in Nipe bay, dislodging them from their positions and dispersing them in confusion The United States vice consul general, Mr Joseph A. Springer, will leave for Washington on the first steamer after the return of Consul-General Lee, who is expected to arrive here on the 26th.

Since Dec. 12 the insurgent forces under General Garrido have besieged and attacked the town of Vueltas, in Santa Clara province. Part of the garrison left the town to engage the insurgents and drove them with he bayonet into the woods. Some of the countrymen assured the troops that numerous bands of insurgents were concentrating in that district. The insurgents under Garrido also besieged and attacked the town of Beez, in Santa Clara, and burned several houses in the outskirts of the town.

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Notwithstanding the superior numbers of the insurgents, the garrison refused to sur-render, and after two days' siege. General Solano came to their assistance with his

Calixto Garcia's forces are in motion in the Manzanilla district of Santiago de Cuba, going toward the river Cauto. It is reported to be his intention to cross the river and come westward. It is also re-ported that Maximo Gomez received orders to move westward, but resisted the orders of the Cuban government for a long time.
The last reliable reports from Manzanillo says that Maximo Gomez has finally taken up his march with an escort in the direc-The Spanish government has semi-official

advices of the concentration of insurgents in Santa Clara, both from the eastern and the western part of the island. It is reported that many insurgent chiefs, including Maximo Gomez, are willing to accept an arrangement for Cuban autonomy, but that they are unwilling to treat with any Spanish general but Marti-

nez Campos.

Reliable information has been received that Maceo passed the trocha on Dec. 4 by land and not by sea. It was his intention to deliver a great blow for the Cuban cause near Havana and then to proceed immediately eastward. It is alleged that he had made Maximo Gomez and others indignant, and that they had abandoned him to his own fate without assisting him, being jealous of the preponderating influence acquired by him during his stay and by his able management in the province of Pinar del Rio. It is further alleged that the white element among the Cubans looked with unfriendly eyes on him because Maceo represented the colored element and might have become in time dictator or president.

Weyler's Plan of Campaign.

LONDON, Dec. 24 .- A dispatch from Madrid to the Standard says: Captain General Weyler's advance in Pinar del Rio is the first stage in a policy concerted between him and the Spanish government for a vigorous movement with 30,000 men in ten columns to clear the province of Pinar del Rio of the rebels, who will be obliged to submit or to fly to the province of Havana. General Weyler expects to clear the provinces of Havana and Matanzas in a similar manner. The government is very sanguine of success, in which case reforms will be inaugurated in Porto Rico, and then gradually in Cuba, and the Cortes will be asked to grant still further concessions to the colonies. It is known that an exchange of views on the pacification of Cuba has proceeded intermittently ever since last win-

Col. Enrique Delgado Captured. NEW YORK, Dec. 23 .- The Press to-mor-

rique Delgado, who was ill in a hospital Delgado is an American citizen and his son, N. Y. He was for several years a resigned from the Ward line about five months ago, since which time he has been fighting in the insurgent army. Colonel Delgado's niece married W. E. D. Stokes. She is the daughter of a stockbroker.'

Salem Citizens Pass Resolutions. special to the Indianapolis Journal. SALEM, Ind., Dec. 23 .- There was a meeting of old foldiers and citizens at G. A. R. Hall Tuesday evening to express sympathy for suffering Cuba. Resolutions were passed denouncing the Spanish atrocities and recommending that the Nation take more vigorous measures towards protecting United States residents on the

island and asking that Cuba be recog-nized. The meeting was largely attended. Filibusters Landed.

KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 23.-Passengers from Cuba to-night report that the Three Friends expedition has landed at Guanabo. They also say that the insurgents have burned a monastery near Morro Castle, on Havana bay, within range of the guns

AGED COUPLE ATTACKED

BURGLARS ENTER THE APARTMENT OF M. COHEN AND WIFE.

Being Discovered, One scious-An Affair on Eddy.

At 12:30 o'clock this morning two burglars, one described as a tall and the other as a short man, broke into the fancy grocery store kept by M. Cohen, an aged Jew, at 127 Eddy street, and, being discovered, brutally attacked the old man and his wife. They gained an entrance by breaking the window of the storeroom, and, after making a search for money, entered the room immediately adjoining the store and there found a lighted lamp on the table. The rear room was occupied by the elderly couple as a sleeping apartment. Mrs. Cohen, who is quite enfeebled by age, being seventy years old, woke up at the noise and scrambled out of bed. The tall burglar sprang at the decrepit woman and gave her a blow which knocked her unconscious to the floor. Her husband, who is about the same age, was awakened by bed the tall burglar reached for the lamp and threw it at him, the glass cutting a deep gash in the old man's head. He was rendered unconscious by the missile, the

and saturating it. The burglars became frightened at this outcome and fearing that the noise might have attracted attention of neighbors, they hastily left the premises without making further search for money. The moaning of the man and his wife was heard by the neighbors and they summoned the police. The officers found Mrs. Cohen on the floor still in an unconscious condition, but she soon revived and gave an account of the scrimmage. It required a longer time to bring the husband to consciousness. The lamp which struck him quite fortunately had been extinguished in whirling through the air else man and wife might have been burned to death. A stove, in which there was a hot fire,

was quite close to the bed. Mrs. Cohen also tor who was called thinks she will probably recover, there is some little doubt, on account of her advanced age. The husband's lip is badly cut. Mrs. Cohen gave the police a partial description of the intruders. The building in which the assault occurred is a story-and-a-half cottage with the front room used for a small grocery business. Mr. Cohen says that he never keeps any considerable sum of money

BILLET POOL INTACT.

For the Present, However, Steel Mak-

PITTSBURG, Dec. 23.-The Bessemer

ers Will Scramble for Orders.

Steel Association, better known as steel billet pool, is still intact, reports to the contrary notwithstanding. One of the leading members of the organization, who has returned from the meeting in New York, in an interview said: "The sessions were secret and some misleading information has been put before the public. I can state positively that the pool, as the newspapers call it is still in existence, and that has not dissolved as stated. The only firms out of the combination are the Bellaire Steel Company, which withdrew: the Shoenberger Steel Company, which never went in, and a small concern in Indiana. A committee of three was appointed to look into the situation and it will make a report within two weeks, when a meeting will be cailed. In the meantime the market will be open and prices will be anything that the manufacturers can get for their product.' The member of the pool did not want to predict what the prices would be, but was emphatic in his statement that the organization would not go to pieces. Another manufacturer said, as to prices, that billets were being sold as low as \$15.50 a ton and he believed some makers were putting billets on the market at even a lower rate. This price is ridiculously low when it is considered that the price fixed after the organization of the pool was \$20.25 per ton at the makers' mill. He also said that some of the members of the pool are now selling

billets at an actual loss.

Suicide of a Professor. temporarily deranged as the result of over-

NOT A DRAMA, BUT THE STORY OF A MONTPELIER EXPLOSION.

Two Men and Four Horses Blown to Atoms and Great Pit Scooped Out of the Earth.

THE SHOCK FELT FIFTY MILES

PEOPLE IN DISTANT TOWNS THINK-ING IT WAS AN EARTHQUAKE.

Insanity Inquest to Be Held on Rev. Harwell-Kokomo Real-Estate Man Neatly Swindled.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. MONTPELIER, Ind., Dec. 23.-This morning at 7:30 o'clock the worst explosion in the history of the Indiana oil field occurred on the Gale farm, about a mile and a half east of here. It was the Empire Glycerine Company's magazine and George Hickok, one of the oldest shooters in the field, and his assistant, Harry Wood, with two teams, were blown to atoms. Only a few pieces of their dismembered bodies have been found. The mangled remains of the four horses, fragments of the two wagons, twisted and broken trees, with pieces of flesh hanging from the branches and a yawning cavity in the ground over which the magazine stood, tells the story. The cause of the explosion can only be conjectured. The explosion was felt for a radius of fifty miles.

At the scene of the disaster for several hundred feet in every direcsuing them for miles. Over forty Spanish Lucha, of Dec. 18, received yesterday at the office of the Junto, it was learned that of the tremendous force of the explosion. tion bent and broken trees bear evidence wife and children are now living at Hud- feet thick, was broken squarely off, and another large beech near it shared the same fate. The small trees were twisted in odd shapes and hardly a tree within several hundred feet has a top to it. The maga piece of it can be found. Where it stood there is a funnel-shaped hole probably sixty feet across and fully fifteen feet deep. For more than a hundred feet around the ground looks as if it had been plowed.

Diligent search on the part of the coroner, assisted by local physicians, for the remains of the unfortunate men was rewarded by finding a small part of one rib and two pieces of skin. These parts will be placed in a casket and will be interred Sunday. Mr. Hickock leaves a wife and child. Mr. Wood was a single man, his home being in Allegheny City. What caused the explosion will never be known. The two men were at the magazine loading their wagons preparatory to shooting two oil wells. Other well shooters state that the accidental dropping of a can on the frozen ground was most probably the

Windows Broken in Hartford City. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

HARTFORD CITY, Ind., Dec. 23.-George Hickok, one of the victims of this morning's explosion at Montpelier, was the oldest oil-well shooter in America, having been in the business since 1876. He came to this oil field three years ago from Bradford, Pa. Harry Wood, the other victim. was Hickok's apprentice, who recently came to this field from Allegheny, Pa. Several thousand people visited the scene of the accident to-day, many coming from Warren, Bluffton, Camden and Portland. The shock was felt in this city almost as strong as in Montpelier, where the earth number of plate-glass windows were shattered. Plate-glass windows in the Weiler Briscoe block and the new courtin this city were broken, and many others were cracked. People rushed out into the streets thinking there was an earthquake. "Grandma" Hess, residing about a mile from the scene of the explosion, was knocked down and is reported severely hurt.

Buildings Swayed at Elwood. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

ELWOOD, Ind., Dec. 23.-This morning, shortly before 8 o'clock, the buildings of which was at first thought to be an earthquake and the people were badly fright-Tall buildings swayed and people rushed out of offices and houses. After the excitement had died away it was learned that it was caused by the explosion of a big pumping station near Montpelier, Montpelier is thirty-five miles from here.

Sure It Was an Earthquake. Special to the Indianapolis Journal.

SPICELAND, Ind., Dec. 23.-An earthquake shock was felt here this morning at about 7:25 o'clock. It caused doors, windows and dishes to rattle. The shock was noticed by a number of persons. The shock was also felt in some of the neigh-Later to-day news of the Montpelier explosion reached Spiceland, explaining the

Doors Opened at Summitville.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. SUMMITVILLE, Ind., Dec. 23.-This morning shortly after 7 o'clock a jar or shock was experienced here that indicated an earthquake. Windows rattled, doors were thrown open and houses trembled. It is reported that it was caused by an explosion of nitroglycerin at Montpelier, a town in the oil regions, twenty-five miles

Gave Ridgeville a Fright.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal RIDGEVILLE, Ind., Dec. 23.-The explosion at Montpelier this morning was plainly felt here, many doors being blown open. The people rushed out of their houses, thinking a boiler explosion similar the one of a few years ago had occured at one

INDIANA OBITUARY.

Mrs. John B. Halthouse Dies on Her

Special to the Indianapolis Journal DECATUR, Ind., Dec. 23.-A telegram

was received in this city last night from Covington, Ky., announcing the sudden death of Mrs. John B. Halthouse, wife of a wealthy merchant of this city, which occurred on a Queen & Cresent train near that place. Mrs. Halthouse has been traveling through the West and South for some time for her health and it was her earnest desire to return home and spend Christmas with her children. She was on her way home when she died. Her husband was with her. The children are in this city. The funeral will be held Thursday morning at St. Mary's Catholic Church, in this city.

Other Deaths in the State. ELWOOD, Ind., Dec. 23.-Mrs. Lawrence Riley, residing northwest of this city, died last night after a short illness, and will be

interred in the cemetery at New Lancaster to-morrow. Mrs. Riley was only nineteen LIGONIER. Ind., Dec. 23.-William Roberts, of Wawaka, ex-justice and a wellknown citizen of this county, dropped dead to-day of heart disease. He was sixty-five

OIL MEN SELLING OUT. Standard Forcing Small Concerns to the Wall.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. HARTFORD CITY, Ind., Dec. 23.-A. B. Trentman, of Fort Wayne, purchased a one-fifth interest for \$2,000 in the Utility Oil Company, of this city, Monday, Oil men are feeling decidedly blue over the continued low price, and operations are at a stand-Many of the smaller producers are selling their leased territory. The Cudahy pipe line, whose owner is supopsed to be the Standard, has been a sore disappointment to many, as it was supposed the second pipe line would have a tendency to increase the price of oil rather than decrease it. B. McKay, professor of Greek in the Baptist College here, hanged himself in his room to-day. He is supposed to have been and point to the fact that the field is constantly widening. Some of the best wells

The only thing now unusual in the oil field is the first determined stand taken by the independent producers against the Standard. They are paying an advance of 2 cents over monopoly prices. Oil is expected to go as low as 50 cents in the next three

ELECTRICITY'S NEW FOWER. Claimed that It Has Unbalanced Rev.

Harwell's Mind.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. RICHMOND, Ind., Dec. 23.-It was decided to-day to hold an inquest of insanity on the Rev. J. H. Harwell to-morrow morning. Dr. Little, of Cambridge City, his physician, is of the opinion that the minister is mentally unbalanced, and says he has believed for some time that such is the case. Dr. Little says that the Rev. Harwell has been suffering from a serious catarrhal trouble, and that some time ago he was forced to submit to an operation to find re-lief. Several bones which were diseased, and which were at the upper part of the nose, were removed. After the operation had been performed Rev. Harwell put himself in the care of a specialist at Indianapolis, who administered electrical treat-ment. This, it is said, had no beneficial effect. It is now being urged by his friends that his brain was affected by the electricity. Rev. Harwell receives a large amount of mail, many of the letters containing expressions of sympathy.

FLEECED OUT OF \$1,700.

Kokomo Real-Estate Man Runs Up Against a Shark.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. KOKOMO, Ind., Dec. 23.-W. E. Blacklidge, a well-known real-estate and loan agent of this city, was fleeced out of \$1,700 by a professional shark this week. A week ago a stranger, claiming to be A. W. Sawof Nottingham, Wells county, went to Mr. Blacklidge's office with a mortgage of \$2,500 on the farm of Samuel Biegler, a prominent resident of the west end of the county, and wanted to sell it. The signatures appeared to be genuine. Blacklidge being acquainted with Biegler, and also Squire Stiffler, whose seal was attached, uspected nothing wrong. He made a personal loan of \$1,700 on the mortgage, writing his check for that amount on the Cittzens' National Bank. Sawyer took the check to the bank, got the \$1,700 in cash and suddenly disappeared. Biegler, who had been notified, came to town and pronounced the mortgage a forgery. A war-rant is out for the arrest of the swindler, but he has three days' start of the officers, and is not likely to be overtaken.

Reelsville Suspect Identified.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. GREENCASTLE, Ind., Dec. 23.-Charles Gray, who was arrested near Jeffersonville as being suspected of the murder of William C. Counts, the Reelsville druggist, arrived in this city this afternoon in charge of Sheriff Bunten and Marshal Starr, who went to Terre Haute after him. Gray and he officers were followed by a large crowd jail was reached. He is about thirty years old, five feet six inches tall, has black hair and dark complexion. He was identified by W. O. Foster, of Reelsville, who saw him in Reelsville the night of the murder. The preliminary examination of Gray will be held in this city and the trial also, as Reelsville is in Putnam county.

Blaze at Somerset.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. WABASH, Ind., Dec. 23 .- The second destructive fire that has visited Somerset, this county, within a year broke out just before daylight this morning, consuming half a dozen business rooms, one dwelling and two barns. A defective flue in the shoe shop of Grant See caused the fire. The town is without fire protection. The shoe store of Davis Brothers, the Odd Fellows' Hall, also occupied by the Grand Army, Wallace Weesner's feed store, the postoffice and David See's dwelling was destroyed. Loss, \$3,000. Insurance is as follows: German-American, \$600; Niagara, \$500; Fire Association of Philadelphia, \$500; Phenix of Brooklyn, \$1,500, and Royal of Liverpool,

Dr. H. A. Lee Gets His Quietus.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. ROCKPORT, Ind., Dec. 23.-Dr. H. A. Lee, a prominent physician of this county. was shot and mortally wounded by Theodore Dilger at 10:30 o'clock this morning. Lee recently applied for a divorce from his wife and began paying attention to Dilger's daughter. This was objected to and he was ordered to remain away from Dilger's home. Lee enticed the young woman from her home and this morning he entered Dilger's house. Dilger attempted to get his shotgun, and a scuffle ensued, during which both barrels were discharged. Dilger then drew a pistol and shot Lee in the back of the head. Lee was editor of a Popullst paper during the recent cam-

Anderson New England Society.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. ANDERSON, Ind., Dec. 23.-The second annual banquet of the New England Society of Anderson was held in the Hotel Anderson last night. The guests of honor were Charles R. Williams, of the Indianipolis News, Mayor and Mrs. M. M. Dunlap, Hon, John W. Lovett and wife, Judge W. S. Diven and wife and Miss Katherine Cutter, daughter of the society's president, are: President, W. B. Cutter: vice president, Alfred Weed; secretary and treasurer, Mrs. E. S. Boyer. Elwood, Pendleton and Alexandria are represented in the society's

Married in Spite of the Court.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. SHELBYVILLE, Ind., Dec. 23.-A days ago Robert Snodgrass, of Moral township, notified the county clerk not to issue a marriage license to his nineteenyear-old son Orris and Miss Edith Plum-Snodgrass went to Indianapolis through a friend secured the license. Last night at Acton the young people married by Rev. Mr. Buchanan, of the Baptist Church. The father had secured an injunction, but it was inoperative in Marion county

Blaze in a Christmas Window.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal. MONTICELLO, Ind., Dec. 23.-The town of Wolcott narrowly escaped a disastrous fire last evening. By carelessly placing a lighted lamp in the show window of Goldsberry & Walter's dry-goods store the inflammable window goods ignited. A hand granade used by a neighboring merchant subdued the flames before the fire department arrived. Loss, \$3,000; insurance,

Spain Preparing for the Worst. LONDON, Dec. 23.-A dispatch from Rome to the Daily News says: "All indications here seem to prove that Spain in preparing for the event of warlike complications with the United States. The huried manufacture of a large quantity of cartridges has been ordered at Brescia, and four cruisers have been ordered from the Ansaldo yards in Genoa.'

Three Pioneers Pass Away.

Special to the Indianapolis Journal ROCHESTER, Ind., Dec. 23.- Announce ment was made to-day of the deaths of John D. Hudkins, ex-county commissioner. aged sixty-eight; Mrs. Julia A. Ernsperger, aged eighty-four, and Mrs. John D. Brown, aged seventy-two, all pioneer settlers of Fulton county.

Billy Payne Knocked Out. SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 23.-Tommy Ryan, ex-welter-weight champion of the world, knocked out Billy Payne, of Philadelphia, in the fourth round of a twentyround contest, which took place to-night before the Empire Athletic Club, of this

Indiana Notes. Mr. William G. Falls, of Indianapolis, and

Miss Cora A. Poorman, of Saratoga, Ind. both mutes, were married at Ridgeville last Tuesday night the farm residence of Daniel McDonald, near Seymour, was burned to the ground with all of its contents. Loss,

A company is being formed to bore for gas in the vicinity of Ridgeville. Ridgeville put down the third well in the State and many yet believe there is gas there. A Noblesville jury yesterday in the \$20,000 damage suit of Emma Graham against Matt Moore, Sherman Harting and Althea Warner, of Elwood, awarded the plaintiff

Charles Hiddeson, aged forty-live, was unloading wood at Buchy's slaughter house in Greenville, O., yesterday when the team ran under a low shed, crushing his ribs and causing death a few minutes afterwards. William Wegerly, deaf, dumb and insane, made a vicious attack with a mallet on his sister at Connersville yesterday, inflicting severe wounds. He was recently released from the asylum at Richmond, but will be

returned immediately. In the case of John A. Keith at Columbus against Edward Hill to enjoin him from probating the will of his late wife, formerly May Keith, the court made a ruling that the plaintiff should be given ten days in night. He was eighty years of age, and which to file his objections to the probation, was the son of the late William Johnston. after which the matter will be settled.

ANOTHER RAILWAY TRAIN HELD UP BY MISSOURI BANDITS.

the Deeds of the James, Younger and Other Gangs.

NOT MUCH MONEY SECURED

EXPRESS CAR, HOWEVER, WAS FILLED WITH CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Conductor Forced to Give Up \$2-None of the Passengers Molested-All Valuables Secreted.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 23.-Blue Cut, made historic through the operations there of the James and Younger bands when they were pioneers in the train-robbing industry, was the scene to-night of its fourth hold-up by road agents.

At 9:20 o'clock the St. Louis and Chicago express, which left Kansas City at 8:45, was flagged at Blue Cut and came to a standstill. Masked men immediately covered the engineer and fireman and compelled them to get down from their cab. At the same time another member of the bandit gang uncoupled the express car from the rest of the train. The robbers quickly climbed aboard the locomotive and the express car, and before the surprised tainmen had had time to collect their wits the bandits were speeding down the steep grade beyond Blue Cut with the engine and the express coach, and Express Messenger A. J. Frier, of St. Louis, was a prisoner in the car.

At midnight no word had been received Bills of other banks..... pendence to Glendale, the next station beyond, it is six miles, and the supposition at that hour was that the robbers had looted the car and left the train somewhere in the woods between the two stations. The fate of Express Messenger Frier caused considerable anxiety.

Kansas City officials of the United States Express Company state the train carried very little cash, but that the car was filled with an enormous amount of miscellaneous express of great value. Christmas boxes made up a considerable amount of the treasure. Of Express Messenger Frier all the officials will say is that he is heavily armed and "dead game," but they admit that the chances are against him. When the robbery became known at In-

dependence a posse of county officials set out for the scene of the hold-up and at midnight County Marshal Keshlear was arranging to send out a force of officers from Kansas City.

Later Details. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 23.-At o'clock this morning a telephone message was received from Glendale stating that Engineer E. D. Meade and his fireman had arrived there. Immediately after the robbery they set out towards Glendale in search of their locomotive. They found their engine dead in a cut a mile east of port says nothing about the fate of the express messenger. Engineer Meade is reported to have said that there were three robbers, and that he identified them as three of the men who held up the train two months ago. Engineer Meade was in

charge of that train. The first definite information from pasenger train was received here from Inlependence after the arrival there of Marshal Keshlear's relief train, sent out from Kansas City. Beyond Independence this train picked up the passengers and bag-gage coach that had been left by the robbers at Blue Cut, and pulled them back to the siding at Independence. Conductor Nichols, in an interview at Independence, stated that when the train was brought to a standstill at the cut he

stepped out upon the rear platform, only to have a pistol thrust under his nose 'Just keep your mouth shut. I don't want to hurt anybody," was what the road agent said to him. He had nothing to say. A moment later the bandit said: "Look here, young fellow, have you got any of the company's money?" The conductor dug up \$4 and displayed them in front of the The robber took \$2 with the remark: "Well, I'll just divide it with you." None of the passengers were molested, but the greatest confusion prevailed aboard the train when it became known that they were in the hands of robbers. There was a wild scramble to hide valuables. After taking the stranded train from Independence Marshal Keshlear's relief train went on to Glendale to pick up the locomotive and the express car, which were left some distance It was at Blue Cut, in 1881, that the James gang held up a Chicago & Alton express train and made one of the biggest

east of that station. few years later another big train robbery was committed at the same place, and two months ago to-night, on Oct. 23, the men who planned the robbery in October were local novices and got nothing. Two members of the gang have since been ar-rested and are in jail. Their accomplices are known and are fugitives. Though Blue Cut is less than fifteen miles distant from Kansas City, it is in a wild and unsettled section and an ideal spot for such outlawry. It is a deep cut through solid rock, and, except in broad daylight, is almost as dark as a tunnel. For a long time it was patrolled day and night, but a few years ago, after the bandit gangs about here were supposed to have been effectually broken up, the guards were withdrawn. It is predicted that two train robberies within as many months will result in a return to the old precautions.

BISHOP ENTHRONED.

Right Rev. W. D. Walker in Charge of Western New York Diocese.

BUFFALO, Dec. 23 .- The ceremony of enthroning the Rt. Rev. William Davis Walker as Protestant Episcopal bishop of western New York was celebrated at St. Paul's Church to-day. The rites opened with a procession headed by the crossbearer, followed by the choristers of St. Paul's, the chancellor of the diocese and the lay officers; the clergy of the diocese, visiting clergy and Archdeacons Lobdell, of Buffalo, and Washburn, of Rochester; the bishop himself, attended by his chaplains, the Rev. Dr. Doty, of Rochester, and the Rev. Dr. Henry W. Nelson, carrving the pastoral staff. At the sanctuary the testimonials of the bishop's election were formally presented to the bishop and he was then conducted to his episcopal chair. Rev. Dr. Henry Austice, of Luke's Church, Rochester, delivered the address of welcome and Bishop Walker responded. Bishop Walker comes to this diocese from North Dakota, where he was consecrated just thirteen years ago. He succeeds hishop Coxe, deceased.

OBITUARY.

W. H. Hatch, Ex-Congressman from the Hannibal, Mo., District. HANNABAL, Mo., Dec. 23 .- Ex-Congressman W. H. Hatch died at 9 o'clock tonight of a complication of troubles resulting | 11 of typhoid fever. from Bright's disease. He was stricken early in the week, and since Monday his

case has been considered hopeless.

Other Deaths.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.-Nathaniel Miller died at Patchola, L. I., to-night, aged eighty-one years. He was born in Brookhaven. In 1849 he went to Canada and amassed a fortune. He assisted in forming the first vigilance committee in San Francisco and erected the first building on Battery street, in that city.

ST. LOUIS. Dec. 23.-Judge Joseph Mos-

by, prosecuting attorney of Maries county, Missouri, died at St. John's Hospital, this

city, of cancer, aged sixty-five years. He was a cousin of General John S. Mosby, the Confederate cavalry leader. CLAYTON, N. Y., Dec. 23.-The Hon, John Johnston died at his home here last who was commander-in-chief of the naval

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BANK STATEMENTS. REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF FLETCHER'S close of business December 17, 1896: . \$1,716,778.79 170,340.85

316,264 43-3,233,243.62

Loans and discounts. erdrafts, secured and unsecured. LIABILITIES. 96,044.66 Individual deposits subject to 97,521.10

State of Indiana, County of Marion, ss. I, STOUGHTON J. FLETCHER, of the above-named true, to the best of my knowledge and belief. STOUGHTON J. FLETCHER. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23d day of JOHN S. TARKINGTON.

Due to State banks and bank-

AMUSEMENTS. GRAND, To-Night & NIGHTS E. M. and JOSEPH HOLLAND.

TO-NIGHT, XMAS MAT. and EVENING, Social Highwayman SUPERFLUOUS HUSBAND and COL. CARTER OF CARTERSVILLE. Prices-Side boxes, \$1.50; orchestra, \$1; dress ircle, 75c; balcony, 50c; gallery, 25c. Xmas mati-

cony. 50c; gallery, 25c. Saturday matinee-25c, MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, NEXT First Appearance in Indianapolis of the Eminent English Comedian Mon. & Wed. Evgs, A PAIR OF SPEC-TACLES, preceded

nee-Side boxes, \$1; rest of lower floor, 75c; bal-

FOURTH WAS KING. And the Garrick The-ager Co., London, Eng. PERSONS. Tues. EVE., CASTE. Prices-25c, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.50. Seats at Pembrok

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Popular Prices, 15c, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1. Seats at Dec. 28-29-Madame Sans Geae. (Original com-A ~THIS THEATRE ~ DOES NOT ADVERTISE IN THE INDIANAPOLISNEWS PARK - TO-DAY - XMAS Saturday GARDNER IN 'Fatherland'

VIII DIMITAL VOICITA ILLE 3:00. Dec. 28, 29, 30+"The Great Train Robbery. DOES NOT ADVERTISE X

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force of the patriors in 1838, during the Poppineau insurrection. Mr. Johnston was president of the Exchange Bank of this place, and established the first regular line of steamers between Cape Vincent and CHICAGO. Dec. 23.-F. W. Holbrook. president and treasurer of the Union Drop Forge Company, dropped dead on the street

Dec. 28, 29 and 50, "Oriental America."

to-day of heart disease. He came West some years ago as the representative of A. T. Stewart. LONDON, Dec. 23 .- Word has been received here from Athens that Professor George Richardson, of San Francisco, died in a hospital at the Greek capital on Dec.

Movements of Steamers. NEW YORK, Dec. 23.-Arrived: Bremerhaven, from Antwerp; Kensington, from Antwerp: Anchoria, from Glasgow; Teutonic, from Liverpool, Sailed: Paris, for Southampton; Germanic, for Liverpool,

Friesland, for Antwerp.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 23.-Arrived; Maestic, from New York for Liverpool. ANTWERP, Dec. 22.—Arrived: Pennsylvania, from Philadelphia. SOUTHAMPTON, Dec. 23 .- Arrived: St. Louis, from New York. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.-Arrived: Indiana, from Liverpool SUNDERLAND, Dec. 22.-Sailed: Ohio for Paltimore.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 23.—Sailed: Britannic, for New York. HAMBURG. Dec. 23 .- Safled: Phoenicia.

BANK STATEMENTS. REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE CAPITAL

ana, at the close of business December 17, 1896: Loans and discounts. Overdrafts, secured and unsecured 4,105.11 80,000.00 S. bonds to secure circulation. 215,050,00 . S. bonds on hand Premiums on U.S. bonds 40,551.40 Furniture and fixtures. Other real estate and mortgages owned.... Due from autional banks (not reserve agents) ... one from State banks and bankers 15,447.51 Checks and other cash items. 15,615,19 Exchanges for clearing house. Notes of other national banks. 10,978,00 Fractional paper currency, nickels Lawful money reserve in bank. Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation's Due from U. S. Treasury, other than 5 per LIABILITIES.

One to State banks and bankers. Individual deposits subject to Demand certificates of deposit... Certified checks... 5,110,82-919,656.13 \$1,341,607.83 State of Indiana, county of Marion, ss. 1, W. F. CHURCHMAN, Cashter of the above-named hank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
W. F. CHURCHMAN, Ca-hier.

paid
National bank notes outstanding
Due to other national banks \$169,633.45

Capital stock paid in ..

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22d day of CHARLES ALCON, Notary Public December, 1896. M. B. WILSON, N. F. DALTON, N. S. BYRAM,

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE MER-chants' National Bank of Indianapolis, at Indianapo-lis, in the State of Indiana, at the close of business RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts (demand loans \$549,-Overdrafts secured. U. S. bonds to secure circulation City of Indianapolis, Marion and other U. S. bonds on hand (\$100,000.00 new 4's) ... Due from national banks (not reserve agents) Exchanges for clearing house. . Notes of other national banks. .

Fractional paper nickels and cents. currency, Lawful money reserve in bank, viz.: Legal-tender notes 12,0.4 75,000,00-1,347,283.16 Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation). remlums on U. S. bonds Vaults, furniture and fixtures. \$3,542,883.4% LIABILITIES.

74,824.00

Due to other national banks.... Due to State banks and bank-Individual deposits subject to Demand certificates of deposit. Certified checks..... State of Indiana, county of Marion, ss.

O. N. FRENZEL, Cashier, Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27d day of FREDERICK BAGGS. December, 1896. Notary Public. Directors. FRED'K FAHNLEY,

I. O. N. Frenzel, cashier of the above-named bank,

do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to

the best of my knowledge and belief.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE INDIANA National Bank, at Indianapolis, in the State of diana, at the close of business December 17, 1896. RESOURCES. Overdrafts, secured and unsecured.

5,426.99

21,858,40

Premiums on U. S. bonds. Banking house, furniture and fixtures..... Other real estate Due from national banks (not \$63,975,77 reserve agents). Due from State banks and 59,308,36 Due from approved reserve becks and other cash items. Checks on city banks. Notes of other national banks. 192,943.00 Fractional paper currency. nickels and cents .. Lawful money reserve in bank, viz.: 870,000,00 iold reserve. Legal tender notes Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5

per cent of circulation). Total \$4,529,063.73 LIABILITIES. Capital stock paid in... \$300,000,00 Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes National bank notes ouistanding Due to other national banks \$547,63°,34 Due to State banks and bankers 338,820,26 individual deposits subject to check. Demand certificates of deposit. 438 211.80 Certified checks... nited states deposits.

Deposits of U.S. disbutsing offi-68,562.69-3,393,847,30 \$4,529,063.70 State of Indiana, county of Marion, ss. I. EDWARD B. PORTER, Cashier of the abovenamed bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. EDWARD B. PORTER, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22d day of

December, 1896 RUSSELL KING, Notary Public. VOLNEY T. MALOTT, Directors. GEO. B. VANDES, E. L. MCKEE,

PRESCRIPTIONS]